(Jabalpur) Ltd. The project cost for the Hoshangabad project is Rs 820.37 lakhs and is being implemented by Madhya Pradesh Audyogik Vikas Nigam (Bhopal) Ltd.

(c) The Ministry of Food Processing Industry have approved the two projects for providing financial assistance and have released the first instalment of Rs. 200 lakhs each for the food parks at Chhindwara and Hoshangabad in January, 2002 and March, 2002 respectively.

Chinese goods edging out Indian products in international markets

3895. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is correct that the growth in Indian exports to China has been at 86 per cent as against 36 per cent increase in exports from China to India during the first nine months of 2002-03;

(b) whether it is also correct that Chinese goods are edging out Indian products in the international markets;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what sincere and effective measures are being taken by Government to make Indian goods more competitive in the global market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) As per April to December 2003 statistics Indian exports to China grown at the rate of 86 per cent and Indian imports from China at 38.8 per cent.

(b) and (c) It is difficult to conclude that the Chinese goods are edging out Indian products in the international markets as the share of exports in the world market of any country is dependent on various factors such as demand, supply, price competitiveness, quality, terms of payment etc.

(d) Export Promotion being a constant endeavour of the Government, various initiatives have been launched to enhance exports which include schemes like Assistance to States for Developing Export Infrastructure (ASIDE), establishing Agri Export Zones, Market Access Initiative, strenghtening "Focus LAC" programme, introducing "Focus

Africa" programme, etc. In the EXIM Policy 2003-04, besides the focus on Service exports, policies have been devised to strengthen Special Economic Zones (SEZs), 100% Export Oriented Units (EOU's) etc. A new programme called "Focus CIS" has been introduced.

WTO Trade Ministers' Conference at Cancun

3896. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the media report "Missed WTO deadlines can derail talks";

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to ensure that the next WTO Trade Ministers' Conference scheduled to be held in Cancun does not end in a complete fiasco?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government's attention has been drawn to a news item entitled "Missed WTO deadlines can derail talks" that had appeared in the New Delhi edition of the Times of India dated 7 April 2003. This news item points out that the developing countries are getting increasingly disenchanted with the current negotiations under the Doha Work Programme and that lack of progress in fulfilling the promises made at Doha would make it difficult to achieve progress at Cancun.

The progress in most of the issues covered by the Doha Work Programme has been uneven. In particular, the deadlines given by the Ministers at Doha on the three issues of importance to the developing countries namely TRIPS and Public Health, Special and Differential Treatment; and the Implementation-related issues and concerns could not be adhered to India and other developing countries have strongly voiced their concerns in the WTO on the slow progress of the negotiations in these areas.

As pointed out by India at the last meeting of the WTO Trade Negotiations Committee (TNC) held in Geneva earlier this month, success at the next Ministerial Conference of the WTO Cancun in September 2003 would greatly depend upon the ability of WTO members to complete work in respect of the issues for which deadlines